

## Timeline of Key Events – State Fire Marshal Inspection Fees 2012 Statewide Fire Prevention Code

- September 19, 2011** The Chairman of the Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD) reported that the State Fire Marshal's Office would submit a request to the Board at its November Board meeting for proposed changes to fees incorporated in the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC). Staff of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) communicated with the State Fire Marshal's Office during October and early November to assure that information about the proposed fees could be provided in time to be included in the November Board meeting information package.
- November 16, 2011** The Codes and Standards Committee of the Board heard a presentation from the State Fire Marshal's Office addressing the requested new fees. A letter outlining proposed inspection activities and proposed new fees, from Mr. Ed Altizer, the State Fire Marshal, to Mr. Brian Mullins, the Chairman of the Board of Housing and Community Development, dated August 12, 2011, was included in the Board package. Following the presentation, the Board members present sought additional clarification on the requested fees. The Chairman asked for Board members to consider the information provided and to send any additional questions they had regarding this issue to DHCD staff for compilation in writing and delivery to the State Fire Marshal. Such questions were to be included in the January 2012 Board meeting agenda notebook and discussed during the January Board meeting.
- January 23, 2012** The Codes and Standards Committee of the Board met to consider responses to their request for additional information from the State Fire Marshal's Office relating to the requested fees. The discussion addressed several of the questions from the Board. Committee members asked additional questions regarding the requested fees following the Fire Marshal's presentation. Because not all of the Board members questions had been addressed, the Board decided additional consideration of the fees issue would be taken up again at their March 19, 2012 meeting.
- March 19, 2012** The Codes and Standards Committee discussed the proposed fees with the State Fire Marshal. The Board reached a consensus that the available information was not sufficient to support any action on the proposed fees. The Board agreed that the best approach would be to consider the fees more thoroughly, as proposed amendments to the Statewide Fire Prevention Code during the upcoming 2012 regulatory adoption cycle. This would provide a forum for receiving public comment and input from all interested parties as well as affected stakeholders. The 2012 regulatory adoption cycle subsequently began.
- December 20, 2012** The State Fire Marshal withdrew the proposed SFPC annual inspection fees for hotels, motels, for bed/breakfast homes and for the retail sale of permissible fireworks, pending further review by the Virginia Fire Services Board's Codes Committee.
- March 25, 2013** The BHCD approved the SFM's fee proposal to charge a late fee for filing of firework and pyrotechnical displays.

June 3, 2013

The DHCD received new or revised proposals for changes to SFM's fees.

The SFM's new and revised fees are now scheduled for consideration during work group meetings with stakeholders on August 22, 2013 and on October 11, 2013; at a September 23, 2013 BHCD Public Hearing; by the joint BHCD/Fire Service Board Committee - the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee - on October 28, 2013; and, on December 16, 2013 by the full BHCD for the final regulation approval.